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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4580
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SUBJ: OMA ON FOOTWEAR

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1. LEE KI-CHOO OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA)
INFORMED US THIS AFTERNOON THAT PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OF
OMA HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND MOFA IS CABLING ROK EMBASSY
THE AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES.
MOFA HAS ALREADY INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY TO ACCEPT THE
REPHRASING OF PARA 13 AS U.S.G. HAS PROPOSED.

2. MOFA, HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE
CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF THE CLARIFICATION OF PARAGRAPH 10B.
LEE SAID MOFA HAS REFERRED THE PROPOSAL FOR A SIDE LETTER
TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MCI) FOR REVIEW.
LEE SAID HE EXPECTS MICI TO AGREE THAT IT IS A "TECHNICAL"
MATTER AND TO AGREE TO A SIDE LETTER USING THE LANGUAGE
PROPOSED IN PARA 3 OF REF B. (NOTE: MOFA HAS ASKED
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TO CHANGE THE LAST PORTION OF THAT SENTENCE TO READ
"IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CHOOSES TO DO
SO," INSTEAD OF "IF IT CHOOSES TO DO SO" AND WE HAVE
TOLD MOFA THAT WAS ACCEPTABLE.) LEE IS NOT SURE WHEN
MICI WILL RESPOND ON THIS MATTER. HE IS CONFIDENT
THAT IT WILL BE WORKED OUT, BUT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN
THE ROKG WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND BEFORE THE JUNE 21

EXCHANGE OF NOTES. HE STRONGLY URGES THAT THIS
MATTER NOT DELAY THE SIGNING, SAYING HE IS CONFIDENT
IT WILL BE CLEARED UP VERY SHORTLY IN ANY EVENT.

3. SINCE EMBOFF, BY COINCIDENCE, HAD AN APPOINTMENT
WITH MCI ASSISTANT MINISTER PARK PIL-SOO ON ANOTHER
MATTER SHORTLY AFTER THE DISCUSSION WITH LEE, HE TOOK
THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THE MATTER TO PARK'S PERSONAL
ATTENTION. PARK IMMEDIATELY MADE A FEW PHONE CALLS AND
PROMISED THAT MCI WOULD EXPEDITE ITS RESPONSE. IN SUM,
WE BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE ROKG WILL
RESPOND FAVORABLY ON THIS ONE REMAINING ITEM, BUT WE
CANNOT YET GIVE A FLAT GUARANTEE THAT THE RESPONSE WILL
BE FORTHCOMING PRIOR TO THE PLANNED JUNE 21 EXCHANGE.
WE WILL CHECK WITH LEE AGAIN MONDAY IF WE HAVE
NOT HEARD FURTHER FROM HIM BY THEN.
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